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TAGS: OEXC, CZ (JOHNSON, ALBERT)

SUBJ: PROPOSED AMSPEC GRANT TO ALBERT JOHNSON

REF: STATE 103288

1. JOHNSON IS A KNOWN QUANTITY HERE, REPRESENTING ONE OF THE FEW AMERICAN ACADEMICS WHO IS WELCOMED IN LOCAL CULTURAL CIRCLES. MOROVER, CZECH FILM OFFICIALS HAVE ASKED HIM TO DO A SPECIFIC FOLLOW-UP PROGRAM ON AMERICAN MUSICALS OF THE 40S AND 50S, A PERIOD WHEN FEW WESTERN FILMS WERE LOCALLY AVAILABLE.

2. WE HOPE THAT CU, APPRECIATING THE DIFFICULTIES IN BREAKING NEW GROUND IN PROGRAMMING HERE, WILL RECONSIDER ITS POLICY OF ONE GRANT TO AN INDIVIDUAL IN A FISCAL YEAR IN JOHNSON'S CASE, OR SCHEDULE HIS TRIP FOR BEGINNING OF NEW FISCAL YEAR. (WE UNCLASSIFIED

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CAN USE HIM IN OCTOBER).

3. BASIC QUESTION IS GOING WITH A KNOWN WINNER OR STARTING THE LABYRINTHINE PROCESS OF INTRODUCING A NEW CINEMATOLOGIST TO THE CZECHS AND VICE VERSA. JOHNSON'S IMPRESSIVE ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS AND HIS SKILL AND EXPERIENCE IN EASTERN EUROPEAN CINEMA CIRCLES MAKES HIM AN UNUSUALLY QUALIFIED CANDIDATE.

4. ADVISE.
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